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The gaiety of a diverting word, serves as a *vehicle* to convey the force and meaning of a thing.

To VEIL, *v. n.* [*velo*, Lat. See VAIL.]

1. To cover with a veil, or any thing which conceals the face.

Her face was *veiled*; yet to my fancied sight,
Love, sweetness, goodness in her person shin'd.
It became the Jewish fashion when they went to pray, to
veil their heads and faces.

2. To cover; to invest.

I decry
From yonder blazing cloud that veils the hill,
One of the heav'nly host.

3. To hide; to conceal.

Of darkness visible so much be lent,
As half to shews, half veil the deep intent.

VEIL, *n. f.* [*velum*, Latin.]

1. A cover to conceal the face.

To feed his fiery lustful eye,
He snatch'd the veil that hung her face before.

The Paphian queen from that fierce battle borne,
With gored hand, and veil to rudely torn,
Like terror did among the immortals breed.

The famous painter could allow no place
For private sorrow in a prince's face:
Yet, that his piece might not exceed belief,
He cast a veil upon supposed grief.

As veils transparent cover, but not hide,
Such metaphors appear when right apply'd.
When through the phrase we plainly see the sense,
Truth with such obvious meanings will dispense.

She accepts the hero, and the dame
Wraps in her veil, and frees from sense of shame.

2. A cover; a disguise.

I will pluck the borrow'd veil of modesty from the so
seeming Mrs. Page; divulge Page himself for a secure and
wifful Acton.

Knock on my heart; for thou hast skill to find
If it sound solid, or be fill'd with wind;
And thro' the veil of words thou view'st the naked mind.

The ill-natured man exposes those failings in human nature,
which the other would cast a veil over.

VEIN, *n. f.* [*veine*, Fr. *vena*, Latin.]

The veins are only a continuation of the extreme capillary
arteries reflected back again towards the heart, and uniting
their channels as they approach it, till at last they all form
three large veins; the *cava descendens*, which brings the blood
back from all the parts above the heart; the *cava ascendens*,
which brings the blood from all the parts below the heart;
and the *porta*, which carries the blood to the liver. The
coats of the veins are the same with those of the arteries,
only the muscular coat is as thin in all the veins, as it is in
the capillary arteries; the pressure of the blood against the
sides of the veins being less than that against the sides of
the arteries. In the veins there is no pulse, because the blood
is thrown into them with a continued stream, and because it
moves from a narrow channel to a wider. The capillary
veins unite with one another, as the capillary arteries. In
all the veins perpendicular to the horizon, excepting those of
the uterus and of the porta, are small membranes or
valves; like so many half thimbles stuck to the side of
the veins, with their mouths towards the heart. In the
motion of the blood towards the heart, they are pressed close
to the side of the veins; but if blood should fall back, it
must fill the valves; and they being distended, stop up the
channel, so that no blood can repass them.

When I did first impart my love to you,
I freely told you all the wealth I had
Ran in my veins; I was a gentleman.

Horror chill
Ran through his veins, and all his joints relax'd.

2. Hollow; cavity.

Found where casual fire
Had wasted woods, on mountain, or in vale,
Down to the veins of earth.

Let the gla'ss of the prism be free from veins, and their
sides be accurately plane, and well polished, without those
numberless waves or curls, which usually arise from sand-
holes.

3. Course of metal in the mine.

There is a vein for the silver.
Part hidden veins digg'd up, nor hath this earth
Entrails unlike, of mineral and stone.

It is in men as in soils, where sometimes there is a vein of
gold which the owner knows not of.

4. Tendency or turn of the mind or genius.

We ought to attempt no more than what is in the com-
pass of our genius, and according to our vein.

5. Favourable moment; time when any inclination is predo-
minant.

Artizans have not only their growths and perfections, but
likewise their veins and times.

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6. Humour; temper.

I put your grace in mind
Of what you promis'd me.

7. Continued disposition.

The *vein* I have had of running into speculations of this
kind, upon a greater scene of trade, have cost me this pre-
sent service.

8. Current; continued production.

He can open a vein of true and noble thinking.

9. Strain; quality.

Now somewhat sing, whose endless fountenance
Among the shepherds may aye remain;
Whether thee list, thy loved lass advance,
Or honour Pan with higher hymns of praise.

10. Streak; variegation, as the veins of the marble.

VEINED, *adj.* [*veineux*, Fr. from *vein*.]

1. Full of veins.

2. Streaked; variegated.

The root of an old white thorn will make very fine
boxes and combs, and many of them are very finely
veined.

Effulgent, hence the *veiny* marble shines.

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VENAL, *adj.* [*vena*, Fr. *venalis*, Latin.]

1. Mercenary; prostitute.

This verb be thine, my friend, nor thou refuse
This, from no *venal* or ungrateful mule.

2. [from *vein*.] Contained in the veins. A technical word.

It is unreasonableness to affirm, that the cool *venal* blood
should be heated so high in the interval of two pulses.

VENALITY, *n. f.* [*venalite*, Fr. from *venal*.] Mercenariness;
prostitution.

VENATICK, *adj.* [*venaticus*, Latin.] Used in hunting.

VENATION, *n. f.* [*venatio*, Latin.] The act or practice of
hunting.

The manner of their *venation* we shall find to be other-
ways than by sawing away of trees.

TO VENDE, *v. a.* [*vendre*, Fr. *vendo*, Lat.] To sell; to offer
to sale.

He had a great parcel of glasses packed up, which not hav-
ing the occasion he expected to *vend*, and make use of, lay
by him.

VENDER, *n. f.* [from *vend*.] One to whom any thing is sold.

If a vicar sows his glebe, or if he sells his corn, and the
vende cuts it, he must pay the tithes to the parson.

VENDER, *n. f.* [*vendeur*, Fr. from *vend*.] A seller.

Where the consumption of commodity is, the *venders* seat
themselves.

Those make the most noise who have the least to sell, which
is very observable in the *venders* of card-matches.

VENDIBLE, *adj.* [*vendibilis*, Latin.] Saleable; marketable.

Silence only is commendable.

In a neat's tongue dried, and a maid not *vendible*.

This so profitable and *vendible* a merchandise, riseth not
to a proportionable enhancement with other less beneficial
commodities.

The ignorant mine-man, aiming only at the obtaining a
quantity of such a metal as may be *vendible* under such a de-
terminate name, has neither the design nor skill to make nice
separations of the heterogeneous bodies.

VENDIBleness, *n. f.* [from *vendible*.] The state of being saleable.

VENDITATION, *n. f.* [*venditatio*, from *vendit*, Latin.] Boast-
ful display.

Some, by a cunning protestation against all readings, and
venditation of their own natural, think to divert the sagacity
of their readers from themselves, and cool the scent of their
own fox-like thefts; when yet they are so rank as a man may
find whole pages together usurped from one author.

VENDITION, *n. f.* [*venditio*, Fr. *vendition*, Latin.] Sale; the
act of selling.

TO VENER, *v. a.* [among cabinet-makers.] To make a kind
of marquetry or inlaid work, whereby several thin slices of
fine woods of different sorts are fattened or glued on a ground
of some common wood.

VENERICE, *n. f.* [*veneficium*, Latin.] The practice of poisoning.

VENERICIAL, *adj.* [from *veneficium*, Latin.] Acting by poison;
bewitching.

The magical virtues of mistletoe, and conceived efficacy
into *veneficial* intentions, seemeth a Pagan relique derived
from the ancient Druides.

VENERICIOUSLY, *adv.* [from *veneficium*, Latin.] By poison or
witchcraft.

Left witches should draw or prick their names therein,
and *veneficiously* mischief their persons, they broke the
shell.

VENEMOUS, *adj.* [from *venin*, Fr.] Poisonous. Commonly,
though not better, *venomous*.

The barbarians saw the *venemous* beast hang on his
hand.

TO VENENATE, *v. a.* [*veneno*, Latin.] To poison; to in-
fect with poison.

These misins entering the body, are not so energetic, as to
venenate the entire mass of blood in an instant.

By giving this in fevers after calcination, whereby the *ve-
nenate* parts are carried off.

VENENATION, *n. f.* [from *venenate*.] Poison; venom.

This *venenation* shoots from the eye; and this way a bati-
stik may impute.

VENESE, *adj.* [*veneneus*, Fr. from *venenum*, Latin.] Poi-
sonous; venomous.

Dry air opens the surface of the earth to disincarcerate *ve-
ne* bodies, or to attract or evacuate them hence.

Malpighi, in his treatise of galls, under which he com-
prehends all preternatural and morbose tumours of plants, de-
monstrates that all such tumours, where any insects are
found, are raised up by some *venense* liquor, which, to-
gether with their eggs, such insects shed upon the leaves.

VENERABLE, *adj.* [*venerabilis*, Fr. *venerabilis*, Latin.] To
be regarded with awe; to be treated with reverence.

As by the ministry of saints, it pleased God there to shew
some rare effect of his power; or in regard of death, which
those saints have suffered for the testimony of Jesus Christ,
did thereby make the places where they died *venerable*.

To make the passage easy, safe, and plain,
That leads us to this *venerable* wall.

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Ye lamps of heav'n! he said, and lifted high
His hands, now free. Thou *venerable* sky!
Inviolable pow'rs, ador'd with dread,
Be all of you adju'd.

VENERABLY, *adj.* [from *venerable*.] In a manner that excites
reverence.

The Palatine, proud Rome's imperial seat,
An awful pile! stands *venerably* great.
Thither the kingdoms and the nations come.

TO VENERATE, *v. a.* [*venero*, Fr. *veneror*, Latin.] To re-
verence; to treat with veneration; to regard with awe.

When baseness is exalted, do not hate
The place its honour for the person's sake:
The shrine is that which thou dost *venerate*,
And not the beast that bears it on its back.

The lords and ladies here approaching paid
Their homage, with a low obeisance made;
And seem'd to *venerate* the sacred shade.

A good clergyman must love and *venerate* the gospel that
he teaches, and prefer it to all other learning.

VENERATION, *n. f.* [*veneratio*, Fr. *veneratio*, Lat.] Reverend
regard; awful respect.

Theology is the comprehension of all other knowledge,
directed to its true end, i. e. the honour and *veneration* of
the creator, and the happiness of mankind.

We find a secret awe and *veneration* for one who moves
above us in a regular and illustrious course of virtue.

VENERATOR, *n. f.* [from *venerare*.] Reverencer.

If the state of things, as they now appear, involve a re-
pugnancy to an eternal existence, the arguments must be
conclusive to those great priests and *venerators* of nature.

VENEREAL, *adj.* [*venereus*, Latin.]

1. Relating to love.

There are no *venereal* signs;
Vengeance is in my heart, death in my hand.
Then swoon'd with pride, into the snare I fell,
Of fair fallacious looks, *venereal* trains,
Softened with pleasure and voluptuous life.

2. Consisting of copper, called *venus* by chemists.

Blue vitriol, how *venereal* and unpolished soever, rub-
bed upon the whetted blade of a knife, will not impart its
latent colour.

VENEROUS, *adj.* [from *venery*.] Libidinous; lustful.

The male is less than the female, and very *venereus*.

VENERY, *n. f.* [*venerie*, from *venere*, Fr.]

1. The sport of hunting.

To the woods she goes to serve her turn,
And seek her spouse, that from her still does fly,
And follows other game and *venery*.

2. [From *Venus*.] The pleasures of the bed.

Contentment, without the pleasure of lawful *venery*, is
continence; of unlawful, chastity.

VENERY, *n. f.* A bout; a turn.

I bruis'd my shin with playing at sword and dagger, three
venerys for a dish of stewed prunes.

VENERECTION, *n. f.* [*vena* and *ectis*, Latin.] Blood-letting;
the act of opening a vein; phlebotomy.

If the inflammation be sudden, after evacuation by lenient
purgatives, or a clyster and *venection*, have recourse to ano-
dynes.

TO VENGE, *v. a.* [*venge*, French.] To avenge; to punish.

You justices, that these our nether crimes,
So speedily can *venge*.

VENGABLE, *adj.* [from *venge*.] Revengeful; malicious.

A thrillant dart he threw,
Headed with ire, and *vengeable* despite.

VENGANCE, *n. f.* [*vengeance*, French.]

1. Punishment; penal retribution; avengement.

The right conceit which they had, that to perjury *ven-
geance* is due, was not without good effect as touching their
lives, who feared the wilful violation of oaths.

All the stor'd *vengeances* of heaven fall
On her ingrateful top!

The souls of all that I had murder'd
Came to my tent, and every one did threat
To-morrow's *vengeance* on the head of Richard.

Let me see thy *vengeance* on them.

Resolutions of future reforming do not always satisfy
thy justice, nor prevent thy *vengeance* for former miscar-
riages.

Jove's and Latona's son his wrath express'd,
In *vengeance* of his violated priest.

The chorus interceded with heaven for the innocent, and
implored its *vengeance* on the criminal.